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TONIGHT:

Der Rosenkavalier

(RICHARD STRAUSS)



12p



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Der Rosenkavalier

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(VERDI)

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DER ROSENKAVALIER (The Knight of the Rose)

RICHARD STRAUSS (1864-1949)

ACT ONE

Morning in the bedroom of the Princess von Werdenberg (the Feldmarschallin) whose husband, the Field-Marshal, is absent on military duty. The young Count Octavian (a 'troser role' sung by a mezzo-soprano) is taking leave of the Princess in rather obvious circumstances. Fearing that a noise outside betokens the return of the Field-Marshal, Octavian hastily disguises himself as a maid ("Mariandel") The intruder is, however, the Marschallin's relative, the boorish Baron Ochs von Lerchenau, who ogles "Mariandel". The purpose of Ochs' untimely incursion is to ask the Princess to name a Cavalier who, as proxy, should present the conventional Silver Rose, with the offer of his hand, to Sophie daughter of the rich and recently ennobled Baron von Fanial. The Marschallin is, however, bored by Ochs and abstracted by her thoughts of Octavian, whom she decides should be the Rose Cavalier. While Ochs flirts with the supposed "maid" the Marschallin's levée begins. She receives her hairdresser, a lawyer, poor relations and others of her entourage. An Italian tenor entertains her with a romantic aria. In the confusion Octavian escapes. When left alone the Marschallin sadly contemplates in her mirror the marks of age and the crows-feet on her face. Her idyll with the young Octavian must soon end but Octavian, who has returned, protests his ardour. She despatches her little black page to him with the Silver Rose for Sophie.

ACT TWO

Faninal's house where the new Baron is flattered by the honour conferred on his daughter by Ochs, the aristocratic fortune-hunter, old and vulgar as he is. Sophie, just out of the convent, has not yet seen him. When Octavian, as the Rose Cavalier, arrives the pair fall in love at first sight. Sophie is at once repelled by Ochs and his churlish behaviour when he appears. During Ochs' momentary withdrawal to discuss the marriage contract, the young pair, are surprised by Valzacchi and Annina, a pair of "Italian intriguers" hired by Ochs to aid his case. In the ensuing duel Ochs is very lightly wounded but creates a great uproar. Octavian entices the intriguers to his side. They contrive a trap for Ochs as one of them presents him with a note from "Mariandel" promising him an assignation that evening at an inn.

ACT THREE

At the Inn. An elaborate hoax is prepared for Ochs by Valzacchi and Annina. The room is fitted with trap doors and other devices and as Ochs makes his advances to "Mariandel" he is frightened by various sinister apparitions and much embarrassed by the arrival of a woman claiming to be his abandoned wife with her five "orphans". Ochs imprudently calls the police to whom he explains "Mariandel" as his fiancée Sophie von Faninal. As part of the intriguers' plan Sophie's father arrives at this point. In his disgrace and confusion Ochs pretends not to know him. Finally, the Marschallin herself comes in and sorts things out. She rebukes Ochs and, renouncing Octavian, persuades the gratified Faninal to accept him as Sophie's suitor. After the happy couple are left alone, the little black page returns to pick up Sophie's forgotten lace handkerchief.

Der Rose

(RICHARD

Text by Hugo von Hofmannstal

Time: The Reign of the Empress Maria Theresa.

DRAMATIS I

Princess von Werderberg
(The Feldmarschallin)
Baron Ochs von Lerchenau
Octavian
(a young gentleman of noble family)
Herr von Faninal
(a rich merchant recently ennobled)
Sophie (his daughter)
Marianne (her duenna)
Valzacchi (an Italian intriguer)
Annina (his partner)
A Police Commissioner
The Major-Domo of the Marschallin
A Widow
Three Orphans

Vendor of Animals
Attorney to the Marschallin
Milliner
The Major-Domo of Faninal
An Italian Singer
Footmen to the Princess

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Friday 5th December

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Producer: TOM HAWKES

ACT ONE
The Bedroom of the Princess von Werdenberg.

ACT TWO
Reception Room in Herr von Faninal's House.

ACT THREE A Room in an Inn.

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